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TI All-optical micromechanical chemical sensors

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AB The authors describe exptl. results from micromech. resonators coated with chemoselective polymers that detect chem. vapors from volatile org. compds. or explosives using all-optical interrogation. The shift in the resonant frequency of a gold microbeam is read-out using photothermal actuation and microcavity interferometry. For detection of toluene vapor, response times of <5 s are achieved for vapor concns. ≥ 60 ppm. For detection of TNT vapor, concns. ≥ 10 ppb are detected in 100 s. An anal. of the measured frequency noise in these sensors shows that it is dominated by thermal-mech. fluctuations at the fundamental flexural mode. The measurements thus indicate that thermal-mech. frequency noise is the primary intrinsic detection limit for typical resonant-frequency MEMS biosensors or chem. vapor sensors.

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